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Encl: (1) Basic History for Calendar Year 1978
(2) Organization Chart of COMSUBRON SIX Staff
(3) Submarine Squadron SIX Staff Roster - End of CY 1978
(4) Biography of Captain D. M. SMITH, COMSUBRON SIX [Bio File]

1. Enclosures (1) through (4) are forwarded in accordance with reference (a).


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BASIC HISTORY

1. Command Organization.

a. Captain Dickinson M. SMITH, USN, relieved Captain Austin M. SCOTT, USN as COMSUBRON SIX on 22 July 1977 and remained in command at the end of Calendar Year 1978.

b. No change in the mission and function of Commander Submarine Squadron SIX occurred during 1978.

c. Submarine Squadron SIX was comprised of the following ships at the end of 1978:

<u>SHIP</u>	<u>COMMANDING OFFICER</u>
USS L. Y. SPEAR (AS 36)	CAPT E. J. TOUPIN, USN
USS KITTIWAKE (ASR 13)	CDR F. M. SCHERY, USN
USS ORTOLAN (ASR 22)	CDR A. C. ESAU, USN
USS LAPON (SSN 661)	CDR T. R. MURRAY, II, USN
USS HAMMERHEAD (SSN 663)	CDR V. L. HILL, JR., USN
USS SEA DEVIL (SSN 664)	CDR D. D. BLAHA, USN
USS BERGALL (SSN 667)	CDR R. H. SMITH, USN
USS SPADEFISH (SSN 668)	CDR "J". S. PERRY, USN
USS FINBACK (SSN 670)	CDR D. M. HEATH, USN
USS FLYING FISH (SSN 673)	CDR T. A. MEINICKE, USN
USS BLUEFISH (SSN 675)	CDR W. F. FERNOW, USN
USS SILVERSIDES (SSN 679)	CDR M. H. DORMAN, USN
USS BATON ROUGE (SSN 689)	CDR K. R. KARR, USN
USS MEMPHIS (SSN 691)	CDR G. D. HICKS, USN
USS CINCINNATI (SSN 693)	CDR G. V. WILKES, III, USN
USS BIRMINGHAM (SSN 695)	CDR P. L. CALLAHAN, USN
TWR-1 DIAMOND	QMC E. W. SMITH, USN (Craftmaster)

Enclosure (1)

2. Summary of Operation/Narrative.

a. Deployments:

(1) USS SEA DEVIL (SSN 664) and USS LAPON (SSN 661) completed SIXTH Fleet deployments during 1978. USS HAMMERHEAD (SSN 663), USS SILVERSIDES (SSN 679) and USS BATON ROUGE (SSN 689) commenced SIXTH Fleet deployments and remained deployed at year's end.

(2) USS LAPON (SSN 661), USS SEA DEVIL (SSN 664) and USS CINCINNATI (SSN 693) participated in extended exercises in the Atlantic during 1978.

b. Overhauls:

(1) USS L. Y. SPEAR (AS 36) completed a regular overhaul at Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, VA in January.

(2) USS HAMMERHEAD (SSN 663) completed a regular overhaul at Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Corporation, Newport News, VA in April.

(3) USS BERGALL (SSN 667) commenced a regular overhaul at Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, VA on 28 September 1978 and remained in overhaul at year's end.

(4) USS SPADEFISH (SSN 668) commenced a regular overhaul at Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Corporation, Newport News, VA on 13 January 1978 and remained in overhaul at year's end.

(5) USS FINBACK (SSN 670) commenced a regular overhaul at Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Corporation, Newport News, VA on 17 July 1978 and remained in overhaul at year's end.

(6) USS FLYING FISH (SSN 673) commenced a regular overhaul at Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, VA on 6 February 1978 and remained in overhaul at year's end.

(7) USS SILVERSIDES (SSN 679) completed a regular overhaul at Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, VA on 3 December 1977.

(8) USS KITTIWAKE (ASR 13) completed overhaul in Norfolk VA in June 1978.

(9) USS ORTOLAN (ASR 22) commenced an overhaul in Fort Lauderdale, FL on 18 September 1978 and completed this portion in December, and remained in overhaul status at year's end.

c. Commissioning:

(1) USS CINCINNATI (SSN 693) under the command of CDR G. V. WILKES, III, USN, was commissioned on 10 June 1978 in ceremonies conducted at Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Corporation, Newport News, VA.

(2) USS BIRMINGHAM (SSN 695) under the command of CDR P. L. CALLAHAN, USN, was commissioned on 16 December 1978 in ceremonies conducted at Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Corporation, Newport News, VA.

d. Distinguished Visitors. Submarine Squadron SIX units continued to have many distinguished visitors during 1978. These visitors are documented in each ship's individual history. The highlight of the year was the visit to USS L. Y. SPEAR (AS 36) on 8 November 1978 by the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Thomas B. HAYWARD, followed in the next week by the Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy, Ms. Mitsie M. WERTHEIM. Their visit coincided with the assignment to duty in USS L. Y. SPEAR of two female officers. USS L. Y. SPEAR was among the first ships in the Navy to have females assigned as part of the ship's permanent company.

3. Special Topics.

a. Ships of Submarine Squadron SIX winning intra-ship competitive awards in FY-78 were:

BATTLE EFFICIENCY "E"

USS SILVERSIDES (SSN 679)

ANTISUBMARINE WEAPONS AND OPERATIONS "A"

USS SEA DEVIL (SSN 664)

USS SILVERSIDES (SSN 679)

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT "E"

USS FINBACK (SSN 670)

USS ORTOLAN (ASR 22)

ENGINEERING "E"

USS BATON ROUGE (SSN 689)

DAMAGE CONTROL "DC"

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS "C"

USS L. Y. SPEAR (AS 36)

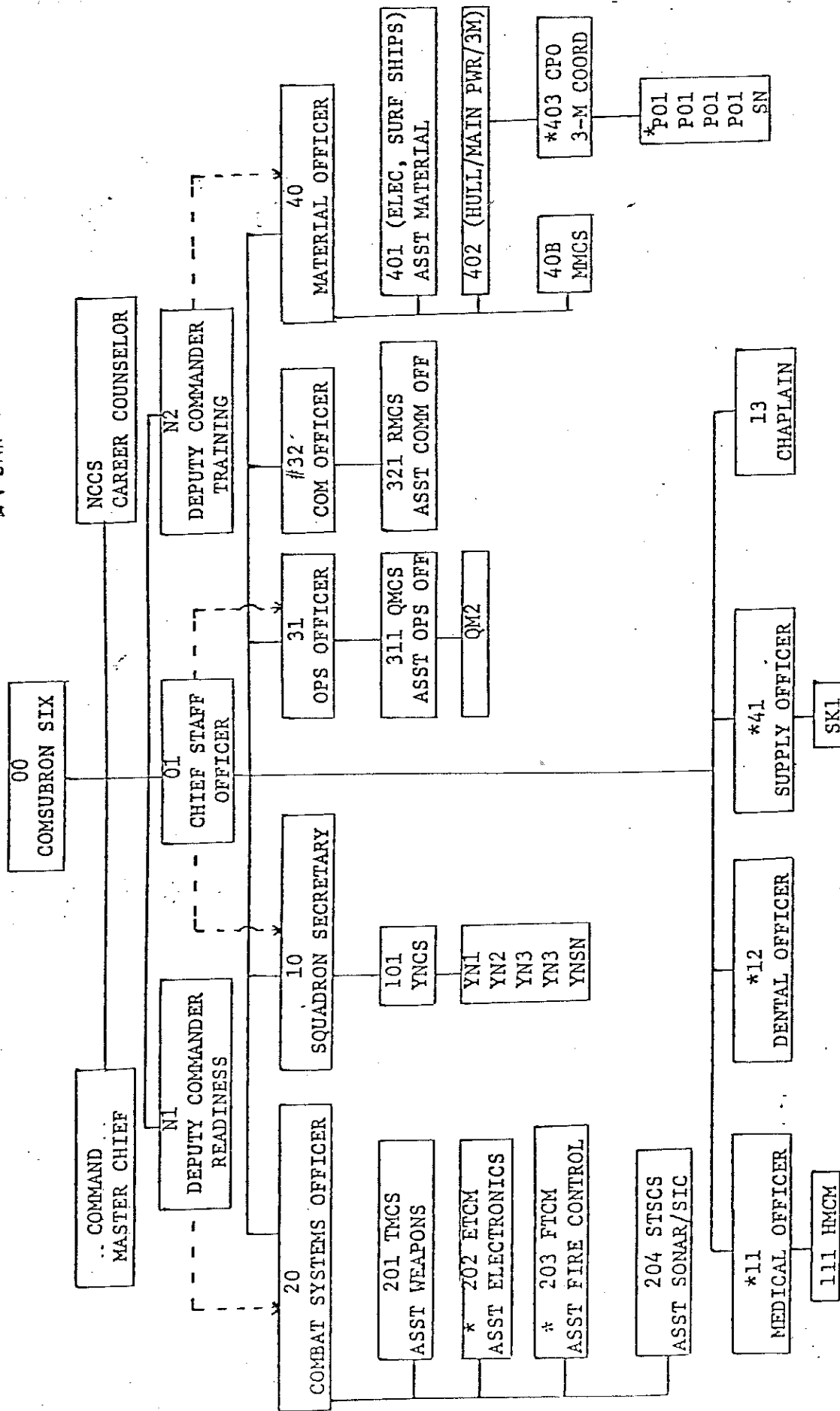
REPAIR "R"

USS L. Y. SPEAR (AS 36)

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COMMANDER TASK UNITS 42.4.3 AND
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27 JAN 1978

TAB A TO APPENDIX 1 TO ANNEX S TO COMSUBRON SIX OPORD
ORGANIZATION CHART



--- INDICATES ADVISORY ROLE

* ASSIGNED ADDU FROM USS L.Y. SPEAR (AS36)

BILLET FILLED BY COMM OFFICER OF L.Y. SPEAR ()

Enclosure (2)

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STAFF CODE	RANK/RATE/NAME	TITLE/BILLET	PRD
00	CAPT D. M. SMITH	COMSUBRON SIX	JUL 79
01	CAPT C. F. NOLL	CHIEF STAFF OFFICER	JAN 80
	CDR J. R. MOORE	PROS CSS8 COS OFFICER	TAD CSI
N1	CDR A. H. PAUOLE	DEP CDR FOR READINESS	MAY 81
N2	CDR W. B. MCAREE II	DEP CDR FOR TRAINING	MAR 80
31	LCDR P. W. PRITCHARD	OPERATIONS OFFICER	OCT 79
311	QMCM(SS) A. J. SMITH	ASST OPERATIONS OFFICER	DEC 79
312	QM2(SS) S. MENDOZA	OPERATIONS OFFICE	JUN 79
311Z	RMSN T. M. MCNUTT	COMMODORE'S DRIVER	SEP 81
32 (T)	LT J. C. MOORE	COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER	NOV 79
321	RMCM(SS) L. A. HUGHES	ASST COMM. OFFICER	NOV 79
322	RMC(SS) A. E. MILLER	PROS CSS8 ASST COMM OFF	OCT 81
40	LCDR P. H. LAWLESS	MATERIAL OFFICER	AUG 80
40A	LCDR R. K. ROOSA	PROS CSS8 MATERIAL OFF	DEC 79
	MMCS(SS) S. P. GROBOSKY	PROS CSS8 MTL OFFICE	JUL 80
40B	MMCS(SS) P. MERRILL	MATERIAL OFFICE	JUL 80
401	LT W. J. WAGEMAKER	ASST. MATERIAL OFFICER	DEC 79
402	LTJG T. E. PAULS	ASST. MATERIAL OFFICER	
403 (T)	ENCM WENTWORTH	MATERIAL ASST.	JAN 79
TWR1 (D)	QMC E. W. SMITH	DIAMOND CRAFT MASTER	FEB 79
TWR1 (R)	QMC H. J. RICHARDSON	DIAMOND CRAFT MASTER	DEC 80
	(T) HT1 M. V. EVANS	3-M OFFICE	APR 79
	(T) EN1 R. D. MOORE	3-M OFFICE	MAR 80
	(T) EM2 B. W. COBB	3-M OFFICE	SEP 79
	(T) TM2 R. LELONEK	3-M OFFICE	FEB 81
	(T) EN2 D. W. WAYNE	3-M OFFICE	JAN 79
	(T) YN3 W. W. PRIDY	3-M OFFICE	JUL 79
41 (A)	CDR P. D. RASMUSSEN (SC)	SUPPLY OFFICER	JUL 80
20	LT J. M. IANNETTA	COMBAT SYSTEMS OFFICER	AUG 80
201 (D)	TMCM(SS) R. B. HOLMES	ASST. COMBAT SYSTEMS OFF	FEB 79
201 (R)	TMCM(SS) R. HENDERSON	ASST. COMBAT SYSTEMS OFF	SEP 81
202 (T)	ETC D. R. DONALD	ASST. COMBAT SYSTEMS OFF	NOV 79
203			
204	STSCS(SS) D. A. STEPHENS	ASST. COMBAT SYSTEMS OFF	APR 80
10	CWO4 W. D. WYATT	SQDRN SEC/PERS OFFICER	JUL 79
101	YNCS(SS) W. T. JAMES	ASST. SQDRN SEC/PERS OFF.	FEB 81
101A	YNCS(SS) A. R. ROBBINS	PROS CSS8 ASST. PERS OFF.	OCT 81
102	YN1(SS) A. D. ROSE	PERS DEF/QUOTAS/TAD	OCT 80
102A	YN1(SS) M. L. FRIDLEY	PROS CSS8 ADMIN	MAY 81
103 (D)	YN1(SS) C. J. WHITE	TRANSIENTS/STAFF RECORDS	FEB 79
104	PN1 F. S. LEFEVRE	DIARY/DISQUALS PRP	JAN 80
105	YN2 J. DIAZ	SEC YN/INCOMING MAIL	MAY 79
106	YN5A R. C. DOW	PROS CSS8 ADMIN	JUL 82
CC	QMCS(SS) R. G. FRANKS	CAREER COUNSELOR	NOV 79
11 (A)	LT H. S. ETTER (MC)	MEDICAL OFFICER	
111 (D)	HMC(SS) "H" C. BRACKEN	SQUADRON CORPSMAN	FEB 79
12 (T)	CAPT R. B. ANNIS (DC)	DENTAL OFFICER	
13 (T)	CDR C. W. FLICK	SQUADRON CHAPLAIN	

(T) TAD to STAFF
(D) Due to detach

(A) ADDU to STAFF
(R) Due to report